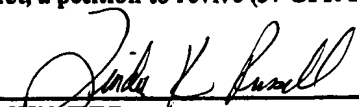


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5 Not yet assigned 10/501269	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR02/04175		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 4, 2002		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 11, 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION Method and installation for laser welding with a N ₂ /He gas mixture, the N ₂ /He content being controlled according to the laser					
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US L'Air Liquide, Société Anonyme à Directoire et Conseil de Surveillance pour l'Etude et l'Exploitation des Procédés Georges Claude					
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:					
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